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ANNUAL ROAD POSTING UNDERWAY ON SECTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAYS
HEAVY VEHICLE BAN IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PAVEMENT DURING THAW

New Hampshire Department of Transportation Commissioner Carol Murray has ordered customary spring load limits on sections of the state highway system as authorized under state law.

Warmer weather means certain sections of roads will be vulnerable to pavement breaking up as the frost leaves the underlying road base. Road postings are determined annually by local NHDOT District Engineers, who carefully review each roadway in their area before posting a road limit to assure protection of the road.

Many of the initial road postings scheduled to be effective on Monday, March 17, 2003 are in New Hampshire's lakes and upper valley regions.

The maximum allowable vehicular weight on posted sections of state highways is 30,000 pounds gross weight, or the cumulative width in inches of all tires contacting the road surface multiplied by 300 pounds, whichever is less.

Under state law, (Chapter 306, Laws of 1998), heating fuel delivery vehicles and trucks delivering processed milk products are exempted from seasonal bans with the approval of the District Engineer.

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